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February 6, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0001009 - CDR 525 - Upgrade Corrugated Metal Pipe, City of Santa Clarita (5), to Insituform Technologies, Inc., in amount of \$126,647.00.

Project ID No. OSD0000011 - Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance Project, vicinities of La Puente, Compton, West Hollywood, Whittier, and San Dimas (All), to Steiny and Company, Inc., in amount of \$206,233.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014982 - As-Needed Traffic Signal Construction Project, 2006-07, in various unincorporated areas throughout Los Angeles County (All), to C. T. & F., Inc., in amount of \$1,549,844.73.

Project ID No. SMDACO0102 - First Street, et al., Sanitary Sewers, vicinity of East Los Angeles (1), to Re-Pipe California, Inc., in amount of \$435,441.70.

Project ID No. WWDM000001 - Old Summit and Tierra Subida Reservoir Repair and Recoating, vicinities of Calabasas and Palmdale (3 and 5), to RPI Coating, Inc., in amount of \$406,540.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including an addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID No. RDC0014982.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2006-07 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
February 6, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001009, CDR 525 - UPGRADE CORRUGATED METAL PIPE
(City of Santa Clarita), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, and lining of existing corrugated metal pipe; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 5, 2006 (Agenda No. 66)

BID OPENING DATE: January 9, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Insituform Technologies, Inc., a corporation P.O. Box 1026 Chesterfield, Missouri 63006 (636) 530-8000	\$126,647.00
2	Re-Pipe California, Inc.	\$161,753.00
3	Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$189,729.00
4	Wesco Infrastructure Technologies	\$212,375.00
5	J. F. Pacific Liners, Inc.	\$221,061.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$204,170.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$126,647.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 77,523.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 38 percent below the estimate.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Insituform Technologies, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 (b) of the California Environmental Quality Act and Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April and be completed in May 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
February 6, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. OSD0000011, TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE PROJECT (in the vicinities of La Puente, Compton, West Hollywood, Whittier, and San Dimas), All Supervisorial Districts

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of conduits, conductors, pull boxes, and retrofit kits and lamps to convert the existing out-moded, poorly functioning street light systems to modern reliable systems.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 21, 2006 (Agenda No. 57)

BID OPENING DATE: December 20, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Steiny and Company, Inc. 12907 East Garvey Avenue Baldwin Park, California 91706 (626) 338-9923	\$206,233.00
2	Christopher R. Morales, Inc.	\$209,942.00
3	KDC, Inc.	\$214,900.00
4	* C. T. & F., Inc.	\$239,991.83
5	Republic Electric	\$274,450.00
6	Terno, Inc.	\$278,909.00
7	Freeway Electric	\$315,690.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$192,260.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$206,233.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 13,973.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 7.3 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Steiny and Company, Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(4), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April and be completed in June 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
February 6, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014982, AS-NEEDED TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, 2006-07 (in various unincorporated areas throughout Los Angeles County),
All Supervisorial Districts

TYPE OF WORK: Installation and modification of traffic signals on an as-needed basis.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 19, 2005 (Agenda No. 64)

BID OPENING DATE: January 16, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	C. T. & F., Inc., a corporation 7228 Scout Avenue Bell Gardens, California 90201 (562) 927-2339	\$1,549,844.73
2	*Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$1,549,955.00
3	Dynalectric	\$1,635,900.00
4	CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$1,683,756.43
5	Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc.	\$1,783,220.00
6	Terno, Inc.	\$1,837,092.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,718,375.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,549,844.73
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 168,530.27

The amount of the recommended contract is 9.8 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

C. T. & F., Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(5) and (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This contract is for a period of one year. It is estimated the work will start in February 2007 and be completed in February 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
January 25, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0102, FIRST STREET, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS
(in the vicinity of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, and lining of existing 8- and 12-inch sanitary sewers and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 12, 2006 (Agenda No. 50)

BID OPENING DATE: January 9, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low Re-Pipe California, Inc., a corporation 5525 East Gibraltar Street Ontario, California 91764 (909) 291-4050	\$435,441.70
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2 Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$533,558.00
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$604,796.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$435,441.70
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$169,354.30

The amount of the recommended contract is 28 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

RePipe-California, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1 (e) of Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 (b), of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in March and be completed in May 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
February 6, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. WWDM000001, OLD SUMMIT AND TIERRA SUBIDA RESERVOIR REPAIR AND RECOATING (in the vicinities of Calabasas and Palmdale), Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Recoating of three water tanks and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 5, 2006 (Agenda No. 66)

BID OPENING DATE: January 9, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	RPI Coating, Inc., a corporation 10114 Shoemaker Avenue Santa Fe Springs, California 90670 (562) 447-2575	\$406,540.00
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2	A.J. Fistes Cooperation	\$517,981.60
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$415,742.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$406,540.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 9,202.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 2.2 percent below the estimate.

Southland Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$391,000.00; however, their bid failed to include a fully executed bid bond. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

RPI Coating, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1 (h), of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Subsection (e) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 100 working days. It is estimated the work will start in March and be completed in August 2007.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The contractor's industrial safety record indicated one fatality in the year 2002. This fatality was caused by the buckling of a working platform on a bridge project. RPI is a plaintiff in a pending litigation with the manufacturer of the platform for damages suffered as a result of this accident. The contractor's operations on County projects have been conducted in accordance with the appropriate safety standards.

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